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SUBJ: OPRED AND FMS - PROPOSALS TO ESTABLISH US MILITARY MISSION
IN KUWAIT

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1. KUWAITI CHIEF OF STAFF MUBARAK ASKED SEE ME APRIL 29. ONE OF SUBJECTS HE WISHED DISCUSS WAS HIS NEED FOR US MILITARY OFFICER TO WORK DIRECTLY WITH HIM AND TO BE (A) CHIEF ADVISER TO KUWAITI ARMED FORCES ON AIR DEFENSE (B) CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER FOR ALL MATTERS INVOLVING US MILITARY PROGRAMS IN KUWAIT AND (C) CHIEF OF US MILITARY MISSION IN KUWAIT. MUBARAK SPECIFIED AMERICAN OFFICER SHOULD BE LT COL AND PREFERABLY WEAR KUWAITI MILITARY UNIFORM. OFFICER WOULD HAVE PREQUISITES COMMENSURATE WITH RANK OF LT COL IN KUWAITI ARMED FORCES. THIS, HE SAID, WAS KUWAITI PRACTICE WITH BRITISH, SUDANESE AND PAKISTANI OFFICERS. CHIEF OF STAFF ADDED, HOWEVER, HE INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHETHER USG WOULD HAVE ITS OWN IDEAS OR WISHES RE STATUS, IMMUNITY, ETC OF SUCH OFFICER. CHIEF OF STAFF SAID HE HAD ASKED MINISTER OF DEFENSE SHAIKH SA'AD TO FORWARD LETTER TO AMBASSADOR REQUESTING US MILITARY OFFICER TO WORK WITH KUWAITI MILITARY ALONG ABOVE LINES. MUBARAK SAID GOK REQUEST FOR THIS OFFICER COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED OFFICIAL UNTIL AMBASSADOR RECEIVED LETTER FROM MINDEF.

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2. I TOLD CHIEF OF STAFF I WELCOMED HIS RAISING SUBJECT UNOFFICIALLY

NOW TO GIVE US MORE TIME LOOK INTO MATTER.

3. RE PARA ONE AND TWO OF REFTEL. IN VIEW KUWAITI CHIEF OF STAFF'S APPROACH, I CONCUR WITH DOD DEPSEC CLEMENTS THAT IT IS TIME TO MOVE FORWARD ON SUBJECT OF US MILITARY MISSION IN KUWAIT, DESPITE FACT THAT OF COURSE MANY QUESTIONS RE TYPE AND SIZE OF MILITARY PROGRAM US WILL HAVE IN KUWAIT STILL REMAIN UNANSWERED. I CONCUR ALSO IN DEPT'S INTERIM REPLY OUTLINED PARA TWO REFTEL. APPEARS TO ME MOST DESIRABLE WAY TO START TASK OF BUILDING US MILITARY MISSION IN KUWAIT IS TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC REQUIREMENT FOR US OFFICER TO WORK DIRECTLY WITH CHIEF OF STAFF AS DESCRIBED PARA ONE.

5. WE WILL BE DISCUSSING SUBJECT ALSO HERE WITH MURPHREE ON HIS RETURN FROM CONUS AND WITH EUCOM TEAM COMING HERE SHORTLY TO TALK ABOUT TERMS OF REF FOR US MILITARY MISSION AND US-GOK MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.
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